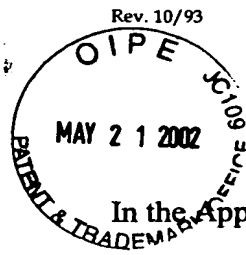


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The following response is being filed in view of the Office Action mailed on April 26, 2002. Claims 1-41 pending in the present application have been subjected to restriction requirement.

Remarks

The Office Action stated that the pending claims contain seven groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The applicants traverse the restriction requirement in part. It is respectfully submitted that the Preliminary Examination Report conducted by the PCT International Examining Authority had found the unity of invention in claims 1-10. Thus, it is not seen why said claims now lack the unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1.

However, applicants agree with the Examiner that claims in Group V, Group VI and Group VII are patentably distinct from each other as well as from claims 1-10.

In order to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement, applicants, subject to the proviso below, elect Group V claims without traverse. The following species are being elected:

1. For Z group alkylthio is elected, ultimate species for alkyl being methyl;
2. For U group hydrogen is elected;
3. For V group R" is elected where R" is aryl, ultimate species for aryl being phenyl;